

Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Primary Set for Tuesday, August 3

City Clerk Linda Choate and elections clerk Rendell Wooden remind Romulus voters that the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, for the primary election. Sample ballots are available in the clerk's office at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard).

Adult Ed Schedules in Mailboxes Soon

Romulus/Van Buren Adult and Community Education reminds local residents to look for its brochure in their mailboxes beginning the week of August 9. The brochure will be chock-full of information about enrollment and start dates for enrichment, GED, and high-school completion classes.

For more information, please call 734-532-1956.

Mayor Lambert To Host Town Meeting

Mayor Alan R. Lambert will host the next Romulus Town Meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, at the Coleman Center (35351 Beverly).

"This is the fourth in a series of meetings that will be held at different locations throughout the city," explained Kathleen Trent, the City's PR director.

According to Trent, Lambert is personally picking up the tab for the complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers that will be served.

"The public is invited to come and talk to the mayor at these events, which feature refreshments and good conversation."

Lambert sees the meetings as an opportunity to take City Hall to the neighborhoods of Romulus.

"I am looking forward to meeting with our citizens regarding issues that are important to them," Lambert stated. "By spending these hours with the public, I can continue to help improve services."

Anyone interested in attending the Town Meeting should call Lambert's office: 734-942-7571. □

Murders Trouble Peaceful Community

By Kristi Stephens

Three murders in as many weeks have deeply troubled the normally peaceful city of Romulus. In a town where homicide is virtually unheard of, the brutal slayings have drawn greater attention than citizens of more jaded communities might expect.

"Things like that just don't happen around here," summed up one lifelong resident.

The first of the killings took place in the early hours of Saturday, July 3, when Kevin Toliver, a 23-year-old Romulus man, was murdered in the basement of an apartment building at 6883 Niagara (Concorde Club Apartments).

"His throat was sliced," stated Detective Sergeant Jeff Lazarski of the Romulus Police Department.

As of Tuesday afternoon, police were still actively investigating leads into what may have been a drug-related, execution-style killing. Anyone with information about the case is urged to contact Detective Sergeant Lazarski at 734-942-6857.

In the case of a double homicide that took place sometime before 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 18, three suspects have already been arrested and arraigned on multiple charges, including first-degree murder, according to the RPD's Detective Sergeant Mike Smith.

John Ray of Detroit, Jairus Perkins of Macomb Township, and Juanita Elam of Carleton appeared before Judge Brian A. Oakley of the 34th District Court on Thursday, July 22. The three are allegedly responsible for the shooting deaths of Amanda Zarbaugh, a 20-year-old Romulus woman, and DeShone Moore, a 23-year-old man from Inkster.

The incident – which occurred at 29019 Northline – "appears to be robbery motivated, with drugs being involved," according to an RPD press release.

Anyone with information about the killings is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Smith at 734-942-6864. □

Romulus Board of Education Elects Officers

The election of new officers was one of many actions taken at the annual Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, held on Monday, July 12, at the district's administrative office.

Member Cheryle Buckley was chosen as the School Board's president for the 2004–2005 school year, while members April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, and Kenneth Mientkiewicz were elected to the offices of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

The trustees are Niema White, Betty Lenossi (who was re-elected to another four-year term last month), and newcomer Thomas Kuderik (also elected last month).

Other important actions taken by the Board included:

- the readoption of all current Board policies;
- the designation of Comerica Bank, National City Bank, and Bank One as the district's depositories;
- the retention of the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel to act as auditors for the district;
- the retention of the firm of Keller, Thoma, P.C., to serve as the district's legal counsel; and
- the adoption of a schedule to hold regular Board meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month, except on December 13, 2004, and March 28, 2005.

During the 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting which immediately followed, the Board of Education renewed the district's memberships in the National School

Boards Association, the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, the Middle Cities Education Association, and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

On Monday, July 26, Board president Buckley handed out several committee assignments, including:

- Policy – Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, and Roscoe;
- Personnel – Frayer, Lenossi, and White;
- Finance – Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, and Roscoe;
- Healthy Living – Roscoe;
- Climate – Lenossi;
- School/Community – Mientkiewicz; and
- Preschool – Frayer. □



The Romulus Board of Education's newly elected officers for the 2004–2005 school year are (from left) Kenneth Mientkiewicz (treasurer), April Frayer (vice-president), Cheryle Buckley (president), and Celeste Roscoe (secretary).

Letter to the Editor

CAF 34 Thanks "Casino Royale" Donors

To the Editor:

Community Assistance Foundation 34 (CAF 34), a charitable organization that provides assistance to families in need within the 34th District Court's jurisdictional area – held a fund-raiser on May 1, 2004.

The event was a fun-filled trip to the Greek Town Casino, and was attended by approximately 50 people. Not all of the attendees made money, but all had a good time.

The foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the following businesses and organizations that made this event possible:

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- Sincerely,
The Honorable Brian A. Oakley
(Judge of the 34th District Court and president of CAF 34)

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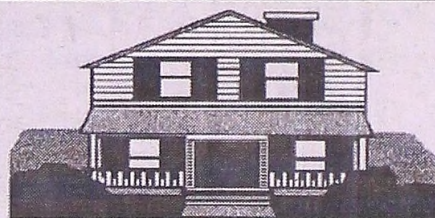
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Lambert Goes to Washington

It's no secret that Mayor Alan R. Lambert has been working with Congressman John Dingell and the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa to bring a casino development to Romulus. On June 24, he took that fight to Washington.

Lambert testified before members of the Congress in Washington, D.C., when he appeared before the House Committee on Resources in support of HR2793 and HR831, the proposed Native American land settlement agreements which would allow the tribe to build a casino in Romulus.

In his testimony before the committee, Mayor Lambert said that a Romulus casino would be an enormous economic generator for all of southeast Michigan.

"The casino can be a beautiful destination-style development that will include a hotel, convention center, and other amenities," Lambert said. "It will also draw additional commercial development such as retail stores, movie theaters, and offices."

According to Lambert, the development would improve the economic climate for the entire area.

"My reasons for support are simple," he stated. "A casino will bring 3,500 new, high-paying, permanent jobs to our city of 23,000."

Lambert, who had never before testified before Congress, said that the experience was gratifying.

"I was honored to represent the citizens of Romulus in an effort to help



Mayor Alan R. Lambert

bring new jobs and quality development to our community," he explained.

The mayor vowed to continue to fight on behalf of the residents of the City of Romulus.

In December of 2003, Romulus residents passed a referendum supporting the casino project by a comfortable margin. Since then, Congressman Dingell has been working with the community to bring the necessary settlement agreements before the House for a vote. □

RHS Hosts Annual "Party in the Park"



The Romulus Historical Society's annual "Party in the Park" – held in Romulus Historic Park on Wednesday, July 21 – offered a wonderful opportunity to don period dress and enjoy some of the pleasures of yesteryear. Pictured (from left) are Amanda Braden, Meaghan Mead, Pearl Varner (director, Romulus Historical Museum), Angela Williams, Travis Trout, and Hilary Kozma.

Romulus Board of Education Honors 11 Retirees

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education honored 11 district retirees with resolutions of recognition during its regular meeting of July 26. The retirees included Mary Albus, Paula Barnes, Robert Beauchamp, Suzanne Eastman, Christine Hobson, Darrell Kenyon, Evelyn Koerber, Phyllis Kreft, James Orme, Sandra Rakoczy, and Catherine Uhring. (See photos at right.)

Mary Albus

Mary Albus's 31-year teaching career included assignments at Merriman, Mt. Pleasant, and Wick elementary schools. She was cited for being "highly respected by staff, students, and parents," as well as for her "conscientious and professional approach to teaching." She was also commended for her "highly effective use of class time," "consistent strength in classroom management and instruction," and "masterful job of teaching," as evidenced by letters of parent appreciation.

Albus was recognized as a "master teacher," and often shared her expertise with student teachers from Eastern Michigan University.

Paula Barnes

As a teacher at Gordonier and Wick elementary schools, Paula Barnes's career spanned an impressive 33 years. She was praised for her "excellent management skills that kept students on task and maximized their academic achievements," and for "providing an optimum learning environment for her students."

Barnes also was recognized for being a "master teacher" and an "outstanding mentor to new teachers," in addition to her "volunteer work on district math textbook selection and language-arts guide committees."

Robert Beauchamp (not pictured)

For 29 years, Robert Beauchamp taught business, computer science, and keyboarding at the district's middle and high schools, maintaining "outstanding rapport with his students." He was cited for his efforts toward "developing the eighth-grade social studies career project" and for his "outstanding data-processing program," as well as for his work as a tennis coach at Romulus High School.

Beauchamp was further recognized for his outstanding volunteer service. Besides "spending his own time developing computer programs for his vocational education classes," he gave many hours to school activities such as the Senior Prom, Vocational Education Week, Middle School Awareness Day, and DECA Region IX Career Competition events, where he served as a judge.

Suzanne Eastman

Suzanne Eastman worked as a bus driver, delivery person, and custodian for 28 years. She was recognized for her "exemplary work ethics and job performance," along with her "dependability, character, and love of job." Her custodial work drew commendations for "keeping schools spotless both inside and out."

Administrators often praised Eastman for being a "wonderful person to work with" and for her "willingness to assist others."

Christine Hobson

Christine Hobson's 30-year career included work as a Learning Center specialist at Hayti and Beverly elementary schools, and as a language-arts teacher at Romulus Middle School. She was lauded for her outstanding teaching abilities, as evidenced by various administrator comments such as "excellent job," "cares about her students," and "takes pride in her students' educational achievements."

The Middle School's Language Arts department head was further recognized for "helping implement the Johns Hopkins Student Team Literature Program," and was commended for her work on the MEAP Testing and Reading Textbook Selection committees.

Hobson also freely gave of her own time and money to the Student of the Month and Santa's Workshop programs.

Darrell Kenyon

During his 30-year career with the Romulus Community Schools, Darrell Kenyon taught math and science at the middle- and high-school levels. He was praised by former students, who said that he "made a major difference" in their education, and recommended him for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. The "personal time and energy he gave to provide support and encouragement for his students," as well as his "contributions as assistant track and football coach" at Romulus High School, also earned him numerous commendations.

Kenyon was further cited for his frequent acceptance of additional duties as Science Department head, Junior Class advisor, School Within A School chairperson, and School Improvement Team member, as well as for his work on "extra projects such as the Friends of the Rouge River program and a special Toronto science field trip."

Evelyn Koerber

During her 21 years as a bus aide, Evelyn Koerber was commended for her "many outstanding job evaluations that consistently exceeded her job expectations." Her "excellent relationships with students, parents, and colleagues" drew praise, as well.

Koerber was also recognized for her volunteer work at proms and commencement ceremonies, along with her "support of numerous district millage and bond campaigns."

Phyllis Kreft

Phyllis Kreft worked at four different schools during her 30-year career as a paraprofessional with the district. She was lauded for "consistently exceeding her job standards," her "exemplary organizational skills," and her "outstanding and dedicated commitment" to students at Cory Elementary School.

Kreft's "highly professional assistance with kindergarten roundup programs" and her "prompt, accurate, and complete yearly reports" also earned her many commendations.

James Orme

In 26 years with the district, James Orme taught language arts, science, mathematics, and health education at the middle-, high-, and alternative-school levels before concluding his career as a counselor at Romulus High School.

Orme's professional excellence garnered him the Eastern Michigan University Outstanding Educator Award at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency's recent Honors Night program. He was also cited for "the many extra hours he dedicated to his counseling position."

A willingness to take part in extra-curricular groups/events such as the School Improvement Team, the Conservation Club, science fairs, Homecoming activities, and the Student of the Month program brought him additional accolades, as did his mini-grant authorships and his work as a coordinator for the Federal Summer Youth Employment Program.

Sandra Rakoczy (not pictured)

Sandra Rakoczy's 21 years with the district included food-preparation service and custodial work at several schools. Her unflagging dedication brought her citations for "excellent attendance," "outstanding work ethics," and "the high personal work standards she brought to her job on a daily basis."

Rakoczy was also praised for "the pride and dedication she brought to her work with the Romulus Community Schools."

Catherine Uhring

During her distinguished 35-year career, Catherine Uhring taught language arts, science, social studies, and sociology at the junior and high schools. She was commended as an "excellent teacher with high expectations, who gave 100% to motivate her students."

Uhring was additionally recognized for her contributions to programs such as the Intergenerational Writing Project, the Adolescent Outlook Program, and the Johns Hopkins Student Team Literature Program, as well as her work on the district's Climate Committee.

As a teacher who "made a significant, positive difference for students," she was praised for her "highly professional mentoring work with new Romulus teachers." □

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Mary Albus (left; pictured with Debbie Juriga)

Capitol Update

Hopgood Presses for Water Legacy Act

By Hoon-Yung Hopgood, State Representative for Michigan's 22nd District

With the Great Lakes holding an astonishing one-fifth of the world's fresh-water supply, Michigan has more fresh-water than any other place on earth. It's no secret that many states – especially thirsty southwestern states – are eyeing our water.

Recently, I cosponsored legislation to create a Water Legacy Act that would protect our Great Lakes and guard against thirsty states diverting our water. That bill, House Bill 5634, was introduced six months ago and referred to the House Committee on Great Lakes and Tourism, but has yet to have been brought up for a hearing.

I signed a pledge from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters stating my support for immediate action on the Water Legacy Act. I also joined with many of my House colleagues in writing the Chairman of the committee, asking him to hold hearings on the bill. I will continue to work with my colleagues and Governor Jennifer Granholm on the Water Legacy Act and hope that the chair of the committee will see fit to hold a hearing on the legislation soon.

Emerald Ash Borer Grants

Governor Granholm, along with United States Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, recently announced that Southeast Michigan communities were awarded federal grants totaling \$1.2 million to help offset ash tree removal costs due to the destructive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The City of Romulus will receive \$34,128.15; the City of Taylor, \$36,107.58.

The EAB has had a devastating impact on the southeast region of Michigan, and this grant will help our local communities deal with the costs associated with removing the damaged and infested trees.

The pest continues to damage and destroy trees in the region, but the State has an active multi-agency EAB task force working collectively to detect, contain, and eradicate EAB and minimize its damage.

Conservation Program Funds

The House passed a constitutional amendment for voter approval (House Joint Resolution Z) that would protect funding for various conservation and recreation programs through the creation of the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, the Michigan Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund, and the Michigan Non-game Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

If approved by the voters, money in those funds would not be able to be transferred out of the funds for other purposes.

Committee Meets on Illegal Cigarette Sales

The House Committee on Regulatory Reform heard testimony on a bill to increase penalties for possession or sale of illegal and counterfeit cigarettes. It would also increase the penalties for people who use the Internet or mail to order cigarettes and do not pay the state tax on them. The bill, House Bill 5668, was supported by small businesses, vendors, and grocers whose business would be severely hurt by people purchasing cigarettes tax free. The bill was reported out to the full House.

Adoption Changes

A series of bills strengthening the adoption process recently passed the House. The direct result of a disputed adoption case in Michigan, House Bills 6008–6010 will affect appeal hearings and allow all interested parties at the time of a final adoption to participate in the proceedings. The bills passed unanimously and now head to the Senate for its consideration. □

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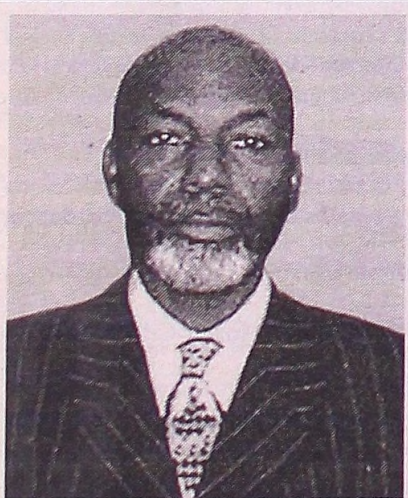
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Romulus School Bus Drivers Take Time for "Gift Wrapping"



Romulus Community Schools bus drivers who have donated over 600 baby hats and blankets to a number of area hospitals include (from left) JoAnn Prater, Debbie Fabrizio, Evelyn Koerber, Ruth Hopson, Betty Cantrell, Mary Mahon, Kerry Vaughn, and Diane Chapman. Donations of materials and/or funds for future projects would be greatly appreciated.

It's often said that good things come in small packages -- especially when they're wrapped with tender, loving care. No one knows that better than the hundreds of new parents whose premature infants have been bundled into beautiful handmade blankets and hats knit by bus drivers from the Romulus Community Schools.

The knitting project began when Stacey Prater, a student nurse at Providence Hospital in Southfield, asked her mother, bus driver JoAnn Prater, to use some of her leftover yarn to make hats for premature newborns. JoAnn began working on the garments in the Transportation Department lounge during her breaks between bus runs. Soon, other drivers took notice and asked what she was doing ... then asked if they could help out.

The result has been a total of 600 blanket-and-hat sets that have been donated to a number of area hospitals.

Providence, St. Joseph Mercy (Ypsilanti), C.S. Mott Children's Hospital (Ann Arbor), and Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit) have already received donations, as have both Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn) and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne).

Garden City Hospital will be the recipient of the knitting group's next 100 blanket sets.

Colleagues who have joined Prater in her labor of love include Betty Cantrell, Diane Chapman, Sandy Czajkowski, Helen Deverich, Debbie Fabrizio, Ruth Hopson, Evelyn Koerber, Linda Madej, Mary Mahon, Kathy Montney, Sandy Tenney, Lee Varga, and Kerry Vaughn. All say that they enjoy creating the blankets and hats that are often the premature babies' very first garments.

Sadly, they're sometimes the babies' last garments, as well.

"In the unfortunate instances of death during childbirth, the families often put their child to rest in our hats and blankets," Prater explained. "This is a very difficult situation for these families, and we feel fortunate to be able to help out in our own way."

Dick Kruse, district spokesperson, spoke warmly of the bus drivers' efforts.

"The entire Romulus community can be very proud of the caring and giving spirit shown by our bus drivers," he said. "It is really great to be associated with people like these."

Donations of yarn and/or cash for supplies would be greatly appreciated by the knitting group. Donations (addressed to JoAnn Prater) may be taken to the Romulus Community Schools administrative offices, located at 36540 Grant Road. □

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RMS Stars Shine



Romulus Middle School's Concert Band featured a terrific tuba section. Members included (from left) Abiola Emanuel, Derrick Baker, Ciapha Reeves, Tanikka Coleman, Glenn Troupe, and Cortez Turner.



Excited about taking part in the Middle School's annual end-of-year concert were a number of performing arts students, including (from left) Precious Richardson, Felicia Martin, Shelby Spicer, Tiara Grandison, Olivia Priest, Samantha Powell, and Heather Leigh.



Social studies department head Dan McCabe (back, left) and faculty advisor Akua Saulsberry (back, right) congratulated the Middle School's Quiz Bowl Team on its sixth-place finish at the state championships. Team members were: (from left) front – Abigail Tieppo, Kaleb Heil, and Vaughn Liendo; back – Victor Russell.

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 15, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Betty M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Excused: member Michael Woods. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/04/1 Moved by White supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6/04/2 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to approve the Minutes of May 24, 2004, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE AND DISCHARGE OF ALL CLAIMS/RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATIONS

6/04/3 Moved by Buckley supported by White that the Board of Education approve the Separation Agreement and Release and Discharge of All Claims/Retirement and Resignation for Ms. Theresa Kamensky, Special Education Teacher at Romulus High School, Effective June 11, 2004, as presented by Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Brian Wietfeld, Basic Computers, Romulus Middle School, Effective Date: 2004–2005 School Year.

6/04/4 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

New Rate for Nonunion Staff & Professional Staff

6/04/5 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources and Personnel Committee to approve an increase for nonunion hourly staff, nonunion secretarial staff, nonunion administrative staff, and the superintendent of one percent (1%) for the 2004–2005 school year. Further, they will be awarded a "me too" if the increases to the teachers exceed the terms of this agreement. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

6/04/6 Moved by Buckley supported by Roscoe to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Summer Millage Levy

6/04/7 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board of Education adopt the Finance Committee's recommended levy for the 2004 Summer Tax Collection.

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Nonhomestead</u>
Hold Harmless	4.50	0.00
Local Operations	0.00	17.71
Debt	<u>3.50</u>	<u>3.50</u>
	8.00	21.21

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Romulus High School Yearbook; 2) Romulus Middle School Yearbook; 3) Kelley Cawthorne Report; 4) Barth Elementary Newsletter – May/June; 5) MASB Summer Conference; 6) Thank You – Debbie Juriga; and 7) State of Michigan – Office of State Budget.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Niema White asked Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, to elaborate on the \$120,000 loss from the State of Michigan, and how it would affect the school district budget for the 2004–2005 school year.

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley stated that the PA systems at Merriman and Wick schools were not working well at "Moving Up" ceremonies.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi expressed her sincere appreciation to the voters for re-electing her to four more years on the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/04/08 Moved by Buckley supported by White that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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**REGULAR MEETING – BUDGET HEARING,
JUNE 28, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 28, 2004 was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Betty M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley, Celeste Roscoe, Michael Woods, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Excused: member April Frayer. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:

6/04/9 Moved by Woods supported by White to convene into Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING – 6:15 P.M.

Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, presented the Budget for Romulus Community Schools for the 2004–2005 school year in the amount of \$40,709,758.00. Mr. Routhier addressed questions and concerns of Board members.

Member April Frayer entered the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/04/10 Moved by White supported by Roscoe to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6/04/11 Moved by Buckley supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Minutes of May 24, 2004, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

FYI – TERMINATION

Carol Casmer, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective Date: May 28, 2004.

Bills for Payment

6/04/12 Moved by White supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopt the 2004–2005 Budget as presented in the amount of \$40,709,758.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Sodexo Evaluation – Bill Routhier

Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, provided the Board of Education with survey results as sent home to parents at all schools. The Board of Education came to a consensus that we should go to bid for a cafeteria management contract.

Annual Yearly Progress Report Cards – Thomas Dolan

Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the Michigan School Report Cards as published by the Michigan Department of Education.

Cell Phone Policy

6/04/14 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White to adopt the Cell Phone Policy as proposed by the Policy Committee – i.e., "Students are not to be in possession of a cell phone during the school day." Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Recognition – Michael Woods; 2) The Hopgood Report; 3) Leading Change – Michigan; 4) Barth Elementary Annual Report; and 5) Romulus Middle School Annual Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ken Mientkiewicz asked about landscaping and trees: Was the work being guaranteed?

Mrs. Betty Lenossi stated that she enjoyed the End of Year Report from Barth Elementary; however, she was concerned with the number of students going to intervention.

Mr. Mientkiewicz informed the Board that Van Buren Schools are preparing for a bond proposal which would include making room for an Adult Education program in Van Buren Schools.

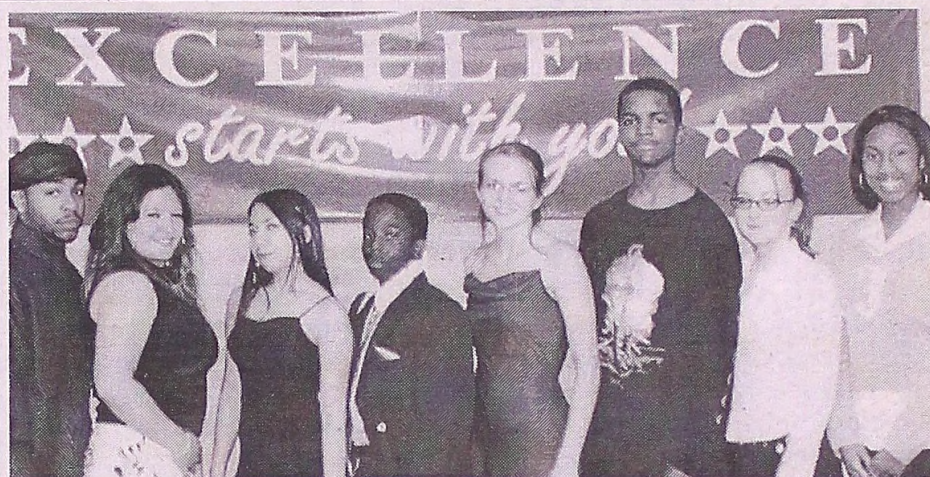
Mrs. Celeste Roscoe addressed her concern with the number of referrals at the Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT:

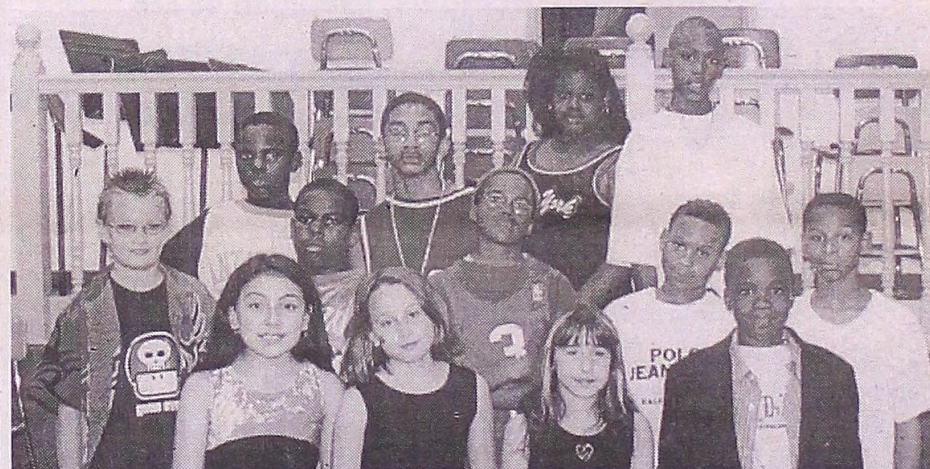
6/04/15 Moved by Buckley supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

A Trio of Talent

Romulus High School's Fine Arts Night featured exhibitions of dancing, instrumental music, and poetry reading. The performers included: (from left) Darrell Cofield, Juliana Jayme, Allycia Belcher, Anthony Glimps, Britany Sawdy, Darnell Anderson, Amanda Kreutzer, and Genidia Moise.



Performers in Wick Elementary's talent show included: (from left) front – Desiree Kassa, Samantha Modzynski, Cierra Gasser, and Malik Lewis; middle – Eric Wands, Jerrell Rusan, Darrius Bumper, Alex Carter, and Errol Sims; back – Jamarco Stephens, DeAndray Buckley, Bre'Ana West, and Niko Scott.



Romulus Elementary's talent show included a number of star students. (Front, from left) Victor Mangham performed a Michael Jackson dance, while Dominique Wallace, Chelsea Smith, and Averiana Richey danced to "Jenny from the Block" by Jennifer Lopez. (Back, from left) Karli Gibson sang Hilary Duff's "Why Not," and Antonette Hemphill, Janaille Pouncy, Alexis Johnson, and Cherra Ross performed a dance medley.

Kids Clean Up at Halecreek Elementary



Parent volunteer Lisa Staten (back, right) supervised an enthusiastic "environmental cleanup" crew composed of Halecreek kindergartners and their sixth-grade buddies, including: (from left) front – Kirsten Hubbard, Kathy Lewicki, Isaiah Thomas, JaVontay Hardin, and Jacob Stanley; back – Brian Jones, Cameo Kendrick, Jessica Morgan, Kevin Lipkowski, and Phillip Crook.

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STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 12, 2004

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 12, 2004 was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Betty M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed all members present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Joel R. Carr.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mr. Joel R. Carr asked for nominations.

Nominations Opened for the Office of President

Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to nominate member Buckley. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Member Buckley elected President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Vice-president

Moved by White supported by Buckley to nominate member Frayer. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Vice-president was closed. Member Frayer elected Vice-president unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Secretary

Moved by Buckley supported by Lenossi to nominate member Roscoe. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Secretary was closed. Member Roscoe elected Secretary unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Treasurer

Moved by White supported by Buckley to nominate Member Mientkiewicz. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Treasurer was closed. Member Mientkiewicz elected Treasurer unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES:

7/04/1 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education name Comerica, National City and Bank One to continue as depositories, and that the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/04/2 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the 2004/2005 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/04/3 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 2004/2005 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/04/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller, Thoma P.C. to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 2004/2005 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/04/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/04/6 Moved by Roscoe supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 12, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 12, 2004 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed all Board members present. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; and Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, were present. Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/04/7 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/04/8 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing – Regular Meeting of June 28, 2004, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

FYI – TERMINATION

Stacey Leland, Child Care/Latchkey, Burton Center, Effective Date: July 7, 2004.

Bills for Payment

7/04/9 Moved by White supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District Memberships

7/04/10 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of \$5,418.00 for the 2004–2005 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/04/11 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2004–2005 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/04/12 Moved by White supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies for the 2004–2005 school year at a cost of \$2,064.85. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/04/13 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join Middle Cities Education Association for the 2004–2005 school year at a cost of \$6,655.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/04/14 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the National School Boards Association for the 2004–2005 school year at a cost of \$3,250.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Board members are to let President Buckley know of their interests for serving on various Board committees. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Attendance – Pool Complex Article; 2) RHS – Annual Report; 3) Cory Elementary – Annual Report; 4) Halecreek Elementary – Annual Report; and 5) Wick Elementary – Annual Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi remarked on the NCA and completion of the second year of the five-year accreditation plan. She further commented on the nice article in *The Detroit News* on the swimming pool complex. Mrs. Lenossi further commented that more parent involvement is necessary in the schools.

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley informed the Board that the Healthy Living Committee will need more parents. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Mrs. Buckley or Mrs. Celeste Roscoe.

President Buckley welcomed newly elected Board member, Thomas Kuderik, to the Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7/04/15 Moved by White supported by Frayer that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session. Roll call vote: Lenossi, Kuderik, White, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe and Buckley. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

7/04/16 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to reconvene into Regular Session. Roll call vote: Lenossi, Kuderik, White, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe and Buckley. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Regular Session at 7:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/04/17 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Kindergartners at Barth Elementary – including (from left) Branden Hayes, Philip Sirhan, Jada Street, Emilee Keys, Russell Halimon, Brendan Greene, Jamie Laura, Alexis Celestine, Jacob Jones, and Kaylin Webb – started a new tradition by planting a tree at the school entrance. The tree's growth will mirror their own development throughout the coming years.



Barth teacher Karen Richard, a national finalist for Kindergarten Teacher of the Year, welcomed some of this fall's new students (from left: Jwon Patterson, Jaeden Butler, Charlotte Sharrow, Makayla Dunn, Stephanie VanAssche, and Sydney Bossidis) during a recent orientation session.

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Romulus, Wayne County Kids Get Free Detroit Tigers Tickets

Hundreds of Wayne County youngsters will attend the Detroit Tigers' contest against the Chicago White Sox on Saturday, July 31, as part of the Second Annual Negro Leagues Weekend at Comerica Park.

The administration of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano distributed 500

free tickets to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan and other organizations in metro Detroit, including the Romulus Boys & Girls Club and the Romulus Recreation Department.

The tickets were purchased by Magna Entertainment Corp., the company that has proposed to construct and

operate Michigan Downs, a thoroughbred racing facility, in Romulus.

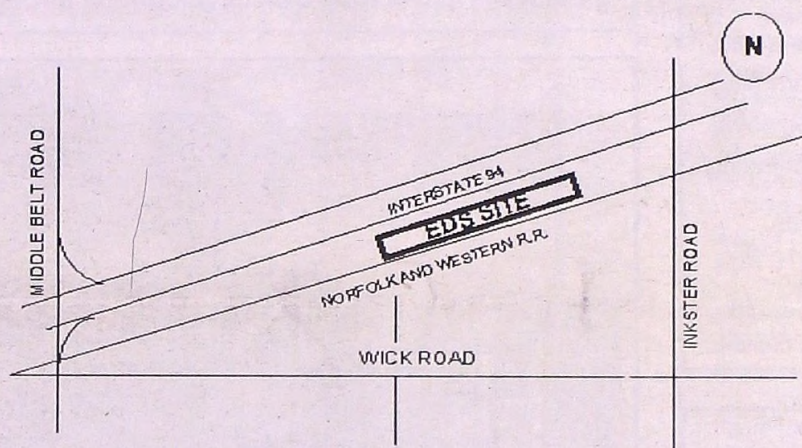
Before the game, the Tigers will host an autograph session and on-field reception honoring former Negro League players. The first 10,000 kids at the stadium will receive a Detroit Stars' baseball hat. Fireworks will follow the game.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC. ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has applied for a hazardous waste management facility operating license for its aboveground storage and treatment facilities from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The operating license is required under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), for EDS to operate its newly-constructed facility located at 28470 Citrin Drive, Romulus, Michigan. Before the MDEQ makes a final determination on whether EDS satisfies the licensing requirements, the MDEQ is seeking public input on a draft operating license for the facility.

The EDS facility is permitted under other programs to inject hazardous waste waters from off-site generators into deep injection wells. The aboveground portion of the facility where hazardous wastes are stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks prior to disposal in the deep injection wells requires an operating license from the MDEQ. The site is approximately 15 acres in size and its location is shown on the map below:



The MDEQ issued EDS a construction permit for the aboveground storage and treatment facilities in February 2001. An operating license for the aboveground portion of the facility is now required. The actual deep well injection of hazardous waste is subject to regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the federal Underground Injection Control Program.

In deciding whether to issue the operating license, the MDEQ considers: (1) the adequacy of the application; (2) requirements for the design, construction, and operation of the facility; (3) whether the applicant has obtained all other environmental permits, licenses, and approvals necessary for operation of the facility; (4) the applicant's environmental compliance history; (5) whether the applicant has constructed the facility in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and complied with the conditions in the construction permit; and (6) special operating license conditions necessary to address concerns raised by the public (limits on truck traffic, maintaining an alternate access road, training for emergency responders, etc.). The MDEQ does not reconsider the suitability of the facility location when deciding on the operating license unless new information or standards indicate that a threat to human health or the environment exists, which was not known at the time the construction permit was issued. Also, the MDEQ cannot consider comments regarding operation of the deep injection wells that have already been permitted under other regulatory programs as part of the licensing process.

The MDEQ has evaluated the operating license application submitted by EDS and considered each of the six items identified above. The MDEQ's preliminary determination regarding the issuance of an operating license is presented in a detailed fact sheet. At this time the MDEQ is asking for comments from the public before it makes a final decision.

The draft operating license, fact sheet, and application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the MDEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 West Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 734-953-1408); and at the MDEQ's Waste and Hazardous Materials Division office located at Constitution Hall, Atrium North, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Sliver at 517-373-1976). Information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/deg> by navigating to "Waste," "Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Waste," and then "Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Waste Management."

The public comment period for the draft operating license begins July 22, 2004, and ends September 23, 2004. Written comments will be accepted during the public comment period and must be postmarked by September 23, 2004. In addition, a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2004, at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow interested persons to submit comments regarding the draft operating license. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to register at the public hearing and to limit their presentations to allow time for everyone who is interested in speaking. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this public hearing should contact Mr. Sliver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Before making a final decision on the draft operating license, the MDEQ will evaluate all comments received. The MDEQ will prepare a responsiveness summary addressing all significant comments and identify how the draft operating license will be impacted. Information regarding the final decision will be communicated to all persons who submit written comments and to all persons on the facility mailing list.

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the draft operating license should be addressed to Mr. Steve Sliver, Hazardous Waste and Radiological Protection Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741, or by e-mail at slivers@michigan.gov.

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## Community Calendar

- **St. Paul's To Host Pig Roast/Hawaiian Luau** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church – located at the corner of Craig and Ellis Streets in New Boston – is inviting the public to attend its upcoming Pig Roast and Hawaiian Luau, set for Saturday, August 14, at 5:30 p.m. Donations: adult – \$10; child (age 5 to 12) – \$5; children under 5 free. **Deadline for purchasing tickets: Saturday, July 31.** For more information, or for tickets, please call the church office: 734-753-9048.
- **Writers Group Meets** – The Writers Connection – a group designed to bring writers and aspiring writers together – meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: August 4). Membership is free. For more information about the group, which has been meeting for more than a year, call Maryjo at the library: 734-942-7589.
- **RHS Class of 1979 Hosts 25-year Reunion** – The Romulus High School Class of 1979 Reunion will be held on August 7, 2004. For more information, contact Duane Moffat ASAP at 248-459-3399.
- **Grief Support Group Meets** – Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus) offers free grief support group meetings and individual grief counseling to all who are in need. Aftercare meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month (next meeting: August 8) from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-9200.
- **Looking for "Grand Marshal" Nominations** – Jason Kahler, homecoming advisor at Romulus High School, is inviting local residents to help the school select a grand marshal for the annual Homecoming Parade, to be held in October. To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must be someone who has represented the school district and/or community in a positive way. Nominations should be submitted to Kahler (c/o Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174) by August 31. Nominations should include the name of the nominee, a brief summary of his/her qualifications, and name and phone number of the person making the nomination.
- **Bingo Benefits Romulus Animal Shelter** – Councilman Bill Wadsworth and the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter will host bingo in the former DPW building (between the railroad tracks and the Romulus Senior Center) throughout the Romulus Pumpkin Festival: Friday, September 17, 1 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, September 18, 1 to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, September 19, from 1 to 8 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Councilman Wadsworth at 734-941-0616.
- **Nursery Offers "Just You & Me" Program** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization located in St. Paul's Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) – is now accepting enrollment for its "Just You & Me" two-year-olds program, which will be held each Tuesday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. beginning September 28. Cost for the eight-week program is just \$40. Children must be two years of age by December 1, 2004, to be eligible. For more information, or to enroll your child, call Lynn Emery at 734-782-0876.
- **Nursery Program Has Openings** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization located in St. Paul's Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) – is now accepting enrollment for its three-/four-year-old classes for the 2004–2005 school year. For more information, or to receive an enrollment package, contact Lynn Emery at 734-782-0876.
- **Register Now for Applefest Craft Show** – St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston) is currently seeking applicants for its eighth annual Applefest Craft Show, to be held the weekend of October 2–3, 2004. Both crafters and direct sellers are welcome. For info, call 734-941-3527 or 734-654-8751.
- **Church of God Announces Service Times** – Romulus Church of God (located at 8770 South Wayne Road) invites the public to attend their weekly services (Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.) as well as their children's programs: Kids for Christ (Sundays at 10:30 a.m.) and Kids Praise (Saturdays from 12 to 2 p.m.). Call 734-729-7243 for info.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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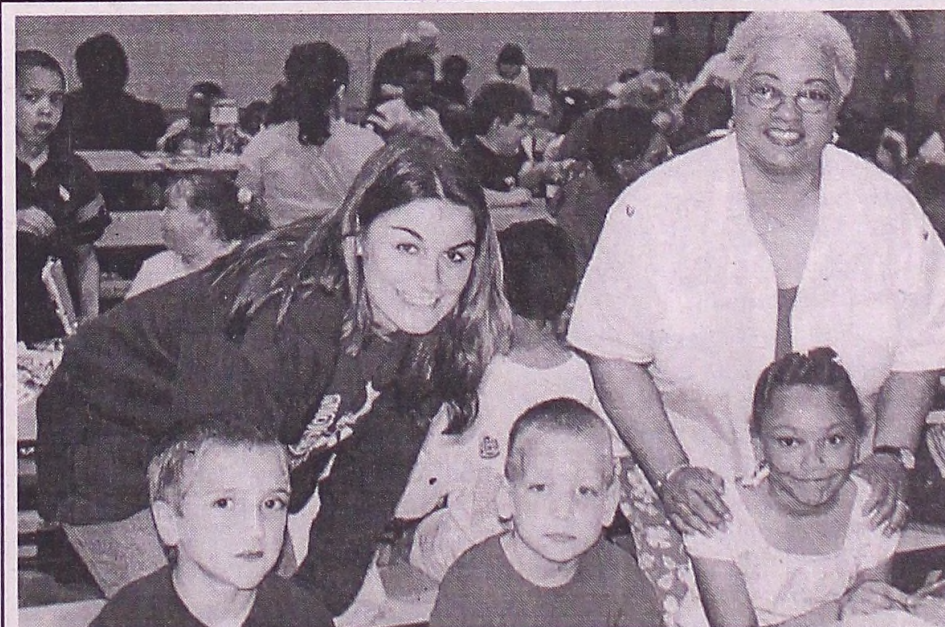
## Cory Happenings



Cory kindergartners – including (from left) Thomas Lincoln, Herbert Buckley, and Mariah Nelson – were spellbound when Angie Smith of the Bat Conservatory gave them a close-up look at a fruit bat (shown here) during the school's Nature Assembly.



(From left) Shauree Reed, Domonique Holmes, Willie Brown, and Dan Bozeman were among many students who eagerly looked forward to the completion of a new fish pond/waterfall at Cory School. Both materials (including flagstone, fish, and plants) and labor were donated by Mark Sliwa and Steve Jackson, owners of All About Ponds in New Boston.



Cory principal Phyllis Adkins (back, right) and teacher Kara Pluff (back, left) enjoyed distributing free books to Cory students like (from left) Dylan Bell, Luke Hojanowski, and Terisha Enos. A Reading Is Fundamental grant (authored by Pluff) funded three Free Book Day events at the school.

# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area, please call 734-955-4120.)

## Downriver Olympics

A number of Romulus senior citizens will be taking part in the 19th annual Downriver Senior Olympics, which will be hosted by the City of Taylor from Monday, August 2, through Friday, August 6. Community support would be most welcome!

## Fun Fest 2004: Friday, August 13

Programs director Linda Norman is excited about the many activities planned for this year's Fun Fest. A variety of entertainments and games will be supplemented with a special lunch (hot dog, potato chips, and beverage for \$1.75) and dinner (mostaccioli, veggie, garlic bread, dessert, and beverage for \$4 advance or \$5.50 at the door), as well as door prizes, exhibits, and various health screenings.

This popular event – jointly sponsored by the Romulus Senior Center and Romulus Tower apartments, will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Wanted: Crafters

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for senior crafters to take part in the Center's annual Pumpkin Festival Craft Show, set for September 17–19. Early registration is strongly encouraged, as these free spaces are available on a first-come/first-served basis until filled.

## Fishing Trip & Picnic

Join the Romulus Senior Center for an afternoon of old-fashioned summer fun! This fishing trip/picnic – planned for Wednesday, August 25 – includes transportation, admission and lunch for a cost of just \$10!

Note: Fish that are caught cannot be thrown back. The cost for trout is \$4.99 per pound plus \$.30 per fish for cleaning; catfish is \$4.49 per pound and \$.50 per fish for cleaning.

Transportation will depart from the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. Reserve your seat now.

## Romulus Senior Social Club

The Romulus Senior Social Club will meet on the following dates:

- August 6 (executive meeting); and
- August 10 (trip to Motor City Casino; 9:30 a.m.).

As always, new members welcome!

## Club One Welcomes You!

Club One, a senior citizens' group that usually meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m., will hold meetings on the following dates:

- August 10 (birthdays; games; bag lunch);
- August 18 (outing – Diamond Jack boat ride/Rex's; 12:15 p.m.); and
- August 31 (bingo; bag lunch).

As always, new faces are welcome.

## Toledo Zoo

The Romulus Senior Center will travel to the Toledo Zoo on Friday, August 20. For more information, contact the Center.

## Movie Day

The Romulus Senior Center will be showing the comedy *Miss Congeniality* – starring Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt, and Candice Bergen – at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 30. Light refreshments will be served.

## Senior Day at the Michigan State Fair

Mark your calendars for Monday, August 16, when Romulus seniors will attend the Michigan State Fair's annual Senior Citizens Day. Transportation (\$1) will depart from the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. Admission is free for ages 60 and over; cost of food not included. Register now.

## Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.),
- Club One (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- "game day" (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

## Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, August 16, beginning at 10 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. (Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.)

## Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. ☐

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

## ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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## Obituaries

### Marvin Lyle Banotai

Marvin Lee Banotai of Hillman, Michigan (formerly of Belleville, MI), passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at the age of 58.

Marvin was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Thursday, March 21, 1946. The Ford Motor Company retiree had been employed at the Rawsonville Road plant, where he worked as the employee assistance coordinator, and had served as a union representative for 30 years. Marvin also worked 18 years as an officer and detective for the Van Buren Township Police Department, and held a number of offices in Sumpter Township, including Police Commissioner and Supervisor.

As a member of the U.S. Air Force National Guard, he proudly served his country during the Detroit riots.

Marvin was a member of the Alpena Moose and the Cummings Eagles, a former member of the Belleville Moose, and a youth counselor and mentor volunteer in Alpena and Atlanta, Michigan.

Surviving Marvin are his wife of more than 25 years, ViAnn (Bertram) Banotai; 9 children, Pam (Jeff) Carter

(Atlanta), Debbie (Curt) Duncan (Brighton, MI), Millie (Larry) Dean (Rose City, MI), Monica (Bob) Jones (Belleville), Lue (Mark Friese) Pullen (New Boston, MI), Craig (Charlene) Banotai (Chelsea, MI), Jeff (Mary) Banotai (Ypsilanti), Laura (Keith) Hollis (Belleville), and Scott Banotai (Ypsilanti); his mother, Sarah Virginia (Collyer) Banotai (Chelsea); a brother, Louis (Brenda) Banotai, Jr.; 16 grandchildren (plus 1 on the way); and 3 great-great-grandchildren (plus 1 on the way).

Among those who predeceased him were his father, who passed away on September 19, 2001, and his first wife, Kathaleen Ann (Orgeck) Banotai, who passed away in 1977.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 28, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Leland Jordan (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Belleville) officiating. Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery (Ypsilanti).

Memorial contributions to any youth organization would be appreciated by the Banotai family.

### Timothy G. Fitzhugh

Timothy G. Fitzhugh of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, July 2, 2004, at the age of 54.

Timothy – born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Monday, December 19, 1949 – served his country in the U.S. Air Force and retired from the Air National Guard. He enjoyed model railroading, fishing, and "hunting with a camera," and was an avid "Trekkie" (*Star Trek* fan).

Among those surviving Timothy were his wife, Marie R. (Poet) Fitzhugh; a son, John H. (Jennifer) Fitzhugh (Dearborn, MI); a daughter, Alicia (James) Cox (Hamburg, MI); his mother, Shirley J. (McCready) Fitzhugh; a brother, Frankie Johnson (Pulaski, TN); 3 sisters, Colleen Fitzhugh (Orlando, FL), Cathy

(James) Clark (Chiefland, FL), and Judy (Jerry) Ringner (Raleigh, NC); and 2 granddaughters, Candace Rae and Ainsley Cassidy.

He was preceded in passing by his father, Howard D. Fitzhugh, and a brother, Howard D. Fitzhugh, Jr.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 6, at First United Methodist Church (Belleville, MI), with Pastor John Grenfell officiating. Interment was at Tyler Cemetery (Van Buren Township, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to Arbor Hospice would be appreciated by the Fitzhugh family.

### Richard J. Lindsay

Richard J. Lindsay of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2004, at the age of 85.

Richard – born in St. Benedict, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, May 21, 1919 – served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. The Great Lakes Steel retiree enjoyed working on automobiles, tinkering, fishing, listening to country music, and sitting down to a good meal with family and friends.

Surviving Richard are his wife, Josie E. (Palmer) Lindsay; a son, Richard Scott (Pinkie) Lindsay (Daytona Beach,

FL); a daughter, Marion Louise (Billy Joe) Blevins (New Boston, MI); and a brother, Roy Trude (Tampa, FL).

Those who predeceased him included his parents, James S. and Elizabeth (Harvey) Lindsay, and his stepfather, Roy Trude, as well as a brother, James Lindsay.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 23, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Interment was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. □

### Guy Howison Kennedy

Guy Howison Kennedy of Sumpter Township, Michigan, passed away on July 6, 2004. He was 85 years old.

Guy was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on December 19, 1918, the son of the late Duke Hezekiah and Clara (Taylor) Kennedy.

A good and faithful servant and steward to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Guy was kind and compassionate with an enormous heart. As pastor of Christ Temple Church (New Boston, MI) for nearly 30 years, he strove to preach the Gospel to every creature as Jesus Christ commanded. His desire was to hear his Father, God, say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant," and to love and care for his wife, Lillie Mae Respress (together since 1946).

Guy – a veteran of World War II – retired from the Ford Motor Com-

pany's Rouge plant after more than 30 years of employment. He was also a successful farmer of livestock and many crops.

Guy leaves to mourn four children (Robert Earl, Samuel, Miriam Elizabeth, and John Fitzgerald) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Guy Jr.; his only sister, Eula; and four brothers, John, Duke, Emanuel, and Willie.

Services were held on July 12 at Christ Temple. Pastor Samuel Kennedy, with District Elder Hoke, officiated at the ceremony, and District Elder Elam delivered the eulogy and salvation message. Interment was at St. Timothy (Yatesville, GA).

Memorial contributions to Christ Temple would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

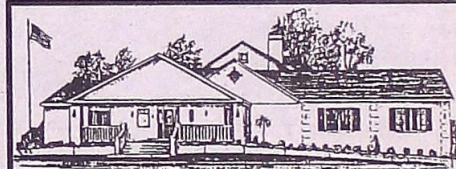
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### Seth Alexander Howard



Seth Alexander Howard

Proudly announcing the birth of their son, Seth Alexander Howard, are Ron and Michelle Howard of Taylor, Michigan.

Seth was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital at 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, weighing in at 9 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 21½ in. in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his big brothers, Tyler (age 10) and Logan (7), as well as his cousin, Max E. Kain (1½).

Also giving Seth a loving welcome were his paternal grandparents, Don and Diane Howard (Lincoln Park, MI); his maternal grandparents, Al and Brenda Kelly (Lambertville, MI); and his aunts, Jodie Kain (Romulus, MI) and Tina Kelly (Lambertville). □

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